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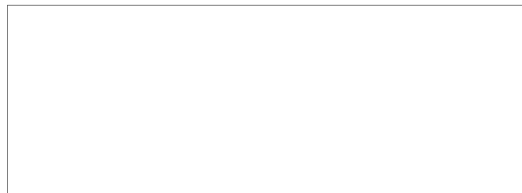
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1. [ ] a government-managed dining room, open to the general public, was in the Ch'ongjin railroad station (EB665262). The dining room was operated and administered by the Commerce Administration Office of Ch'ongjin, North Hamgyong Province, which office was part of the Ministry of Commerce.<sup>1</sup> The stall in the waiting room of the station was also under the same management and was operated by two saleswomen. The prices of goods sold at the stall were fixed by the government as follows: 25X1

| ITEM        | UNIT      | PRICE IN WON |      |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|------|
| Bread       | 1 loaf    | 30           | 25X1 |
| Cigarettes  | 1 package | 30-50        |      |
| Matches     | 1 package | 10           | 25X1 |
| Tooth brush | 1         | 200          |      |
| Towel       | 1         | 180          |      |

2. Alcoholic beverages containing 40 percent alcohol were in bottles equal in size to a small beer bottle and sold at 370 won each. The price of these beverages was not government controlled. 25X1

1. [ ] Comment. Possibly staff section is meant: for [ ] the Ministry of Commerce consisted of the following sections: staff section, clerk section, secret affairs section, secretariat section, export bureau, and import bureau. 25X1



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